



Colombian cartels were laundered by hundreds of millions by companies from Pruszków and the surrounding area

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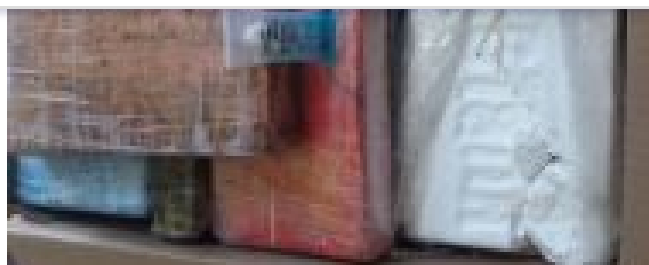


The billion PLN 270 million taken over by the CBŚP prosecutor's office in March is probably money belonging to the Colombian drug cartels - claims informer tvp.info. It is known that the money was in the accounts of two companies from the area of Pruszków, owned by a Canadian of Panamanian descent and a Colombian with Panamanian citizenship. One of these companies was a shareholder in the online cryptocurrency exchange office. Millions of such operations were to flow through a small cooperative bank in Lodz.

The tvp.info portal got to the details of the investigation, which enabled record-breaking protection of the mafia's assets. It all began with the construction of the Belgian embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs chose the contractor



game, impersonating the company and sending the Belgians the account number of the company they controlled. Unaware of the fraud, employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs poured over 400,000 criminals. euro.



Cartels are testing a new drug route. Cocaine in the Gdansk port

When the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs realized that he was the victim of a scam, the local services and Interpol took care of the matter. It turned out that the account used by the fraudsters belonged to the company M. registered near Pruszków. Findings from tvp.info indicate that its president is Canadian of Canadian origin.

Checking the connections of this company, investigators came across another company - C. It was headed by a man with citizenship of Colombia and Panama. This company, in turn, was associated with a large online cryptocurrency exchange office. Both companies had over one billion PLN 270 million on their accounts.

The river of money from drug business

According to the findings of the tvp.info portal, both foreigners who managed companies that launder "dirty money" avoided detention. Portal informers say they have links with Colombian drug cartels.



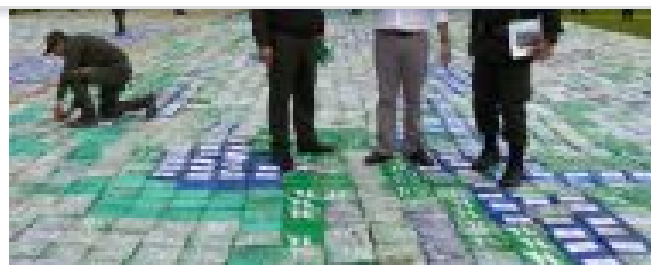
An expensive mistake by Colombian cartels. Cocaine transport went to the supermarket

- We will now carefully examine the financial flows between these entities. We already know that they formed a much larger chain of related companies. The scale of financial operations indicates that these bills were supposed to hide money from cocaine smuggling to Europe. Companies were also used for large-scale fraud. Criminals concealed their operations, also exchanging money for cryptocurrencies, blurring traces behind them - says interlocutor tvp.info.

Investigators also reached other companies cooperating with M. and C. As a result, at the beginning of March the prosecutor's office secured on the account of one such company the equivalent of over PLN 9.5 million in euros and pounds, and an additional \$ 20 million as material evidence.



National Prosecutor's Office announced on Friday the record security of money probably derived from crime. Investigators from the Lower Silesian Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office and the Central Police Investigation Bureau have discovered two companies that have accumulated PLN 270 million on their accounts, including in US dollars and British pounds.



Record amount of cocaine taken over. Giant losses for the cartel

- Money probably comes from international drug trafficking, as well as gigantic deception. They were deposited in a branch of one of the banks, on the accounts of two companies registered in Poland - the National Prosecutor's Office informed.

Investigators found that both companies did not actually carry out any economic activity. They were created solely to make their bank accounts available for international criminal financial operations. - The seizure of money from these bills was possible thanks to the amendment to the Act on counteracting money laundering and terrorist financing prepared by the Ministry of Justice of 23 March 2017 - explained Deputy Prosecutor General Beata Marczak.

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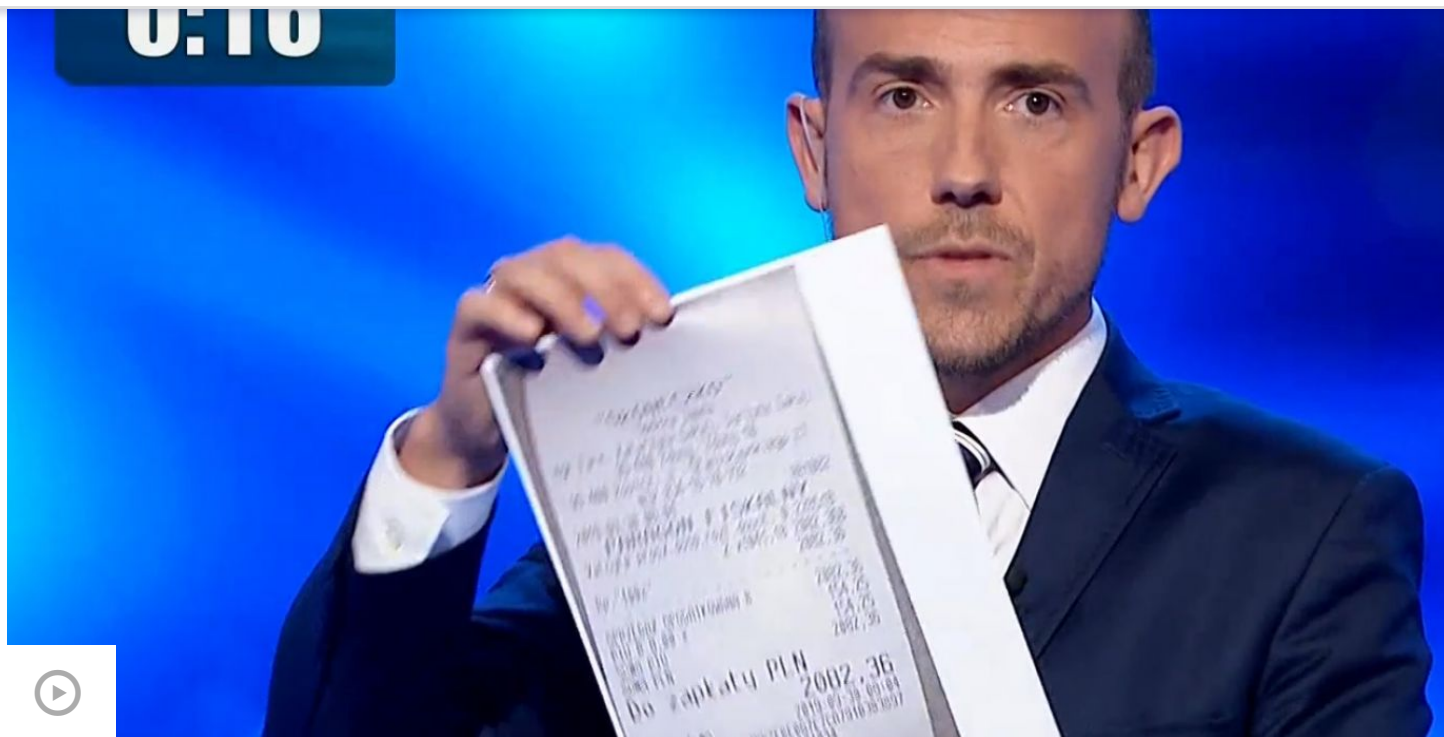
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